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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Morning Meeting of 8 July 1965

DDCI was in the chair -- DCI was out of town. There was a Current Intelligence Briefing.

DDI explained the manner in which the [redacted] is briefed. A senior ORR officer shows him excerpts of appropriate SIGINT traffic and returns them to Headquarters after the Chairman has read.

DDI initiated a discussion of the manner in which the CIA Vietnam Task Force is to operate, and it was agreed that DDCI would meet with DDI, DDP, and deSilva tomorrow afternoon.

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Kent reported on efforts to reconstruct and prepare a memo on recent discussions in the DCI Conference Room with Clark Clifford and Pat Coyne. At DDCI inquiry, Kent reported that State has not yet signed off on the [redacted] NIE.

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DDS outlined plans for permitting some [redacted] Agency summer employees to participate in seminar programs at the Sheraton Park Hotel and at the White House this summer.

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Houston reported that the Senate Foreign Relations Committee has not yet focused on the scenario for hearings on the Dominican Republic other than to concentrate on arranging for primary testimony from Mann and Vance.

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[] noted that the Watch Committee Report is out for vote approval today. He led a discussion of the nature of current evidence concerning location of a ChiCom military unit in NVN. There was some concern that the CIB treatment of this evidence is harder than warranted.

DDCI noted that DCI plans to return to Washington late this evening.

DDCI referred to a call he received from McGeorge Bundy yesterday who was irritated by the complex security system and use of numerous code words in the reconnaissance field. DDCI explained that he is sympathetic and has asked Executive Director to examine the security system and come up with a solution.

ACTIONS

1. Houston was directed to keep in close touch with Marcy and the Senate Foreign Relations Committee as plans become more concrete for the Dominican Republic hearings. (OGC)

2. Referring to the fact that virtually all of Kontum Province is now under VC control, DDCI directed that appropriate treatment of this be covered

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[] the fact that this is the area in which we had known of the presence of units of the NVN 325th Division, and also an area which we predicted would be a major target for Communist assault. It was agreed that DDI would prepare a memorandum on this []

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[] Houston was directed to make copies of the memo available to Representatives Rivers and Mahon and Senator Russell. (DDI, ogc)

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3. Referring to the Action Memo from McGeorge Bundy to SecState, SecDef, and DCI, on [] policy and the related matter of intelligence [] there, [] was directed to meet with [] and others in the Agency to develop CIA views to update an earlier USIB position, after which [] is to coordinate a draft setting forth our views with State and DOD. (CIA SIGINT Officer)

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